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that I have read. Albeit, out of respect for the Huns of history, I do not like to apply that epithet to the Prussianized Germans of to-day. Mr. Thayer always writes well—very well, in fact; but this time he has written admirably. I wish his article could be published in pamphlet form and placed in the hands of every family where English is read.

I take the liberty also to say that your correspondent in Glenbrook, Conn., is probably in error regarding Sir Henry Wotton's definition of an ambassador. As the Carnegie library here is temporarily closed, I cannot investigate the case fully; but William Lewis Hertslet, an Englishman born in Germany, says in his *Treppenwitz der Weltgeschichte*, the sixth edition of which lies before me, that the definition was written by Wotton in the album of his friend Fleckamore thus: "*Legatus est vir bonus peragre missus ad mentiendum rei publicae causa.*" Taking into account the time when Sir Henry lived, and his reputation as a scholar, his use of the Latin would be antecedently probable.

ATHENS, OHIO.

CHARLES W. SUPER.

### IN TIME OF CRISIS

SIR,—I have read your WAR WEEKLY and am a reader of your great monthly. I am pleased to state that I certainly appreciate your grand work in leading the thoughts of the Nation aright in the war crisis.

I have but one criticism, and that is your disposition, as I see it, to hedge at times on the idea that you might be taken to be partisan. You are a partisan in the sense that you are positive. You know what you know and say it. And this you do in an original and pleasing style.

War is a positive thing, and it must have determined and inflexible leadership both upon its military side as well as upon its diplomatic side—a leadership that is capable of holding the Nation firmly to the verities involved, that there be no wavering on the ultimate purposes, failing in which, all the sacrifice of blood and treasure may be in vain. Particularly is this needed in the gigantic struggle in which we are now involved. The German propaganda is watching the vulnerable spots in the allied diplomatic front, with an eye single to personal predilections and waverings in the personalities of the Allied leaders, as closely as it watches for the weak spots on the battle front.

DURANT, OKLA.

C. H. ELTING.

### COMMIT IT TO MEMORY

SIR,—The October number of THE NORTH AMERICAN REVIEW is the best ever issued.

Thanking you for the great number of the NORTH AMERICAN REVIEW,  
I am, sir,

W. J. BOONE.

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